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In re Application of:

Michael G. Vrazel et al.

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Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 26, 2002

Sir:

The above-identified Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time to extend the due date to April 30, 2002 within which to file a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated January 30, 2002 that was to expire on the two month date of March 30, 2002. Please charge the amount of \$55.00 to Deposit Account 11-0980 to cover the one-month extension of time fee. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 11-0980. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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